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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

THROUGH : Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Staff Study Concerning Coordination of FECOM
NIS Production.

I. The Problem

A. To provide FECOM with guidance in the preparation of NIS [REDACTED] and to locate, examine and determine the availability of aerial photography taken [REDACTED] after 1935 in areas of North China, Manchuria and Eastern U.S.S.R.

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II. Discussion

A. In order to utilize fully the intelligence capabilities existing [REDACTED] arrangements were made in June 1951 for FECOM to produce the most difficult and important chapters of [REDACTED]. Reports indicate that good progress has been made in the preparation of these elements. However, there are a number of matters in connection with this project on which further guidance is desired, and Major General Riley Ennis, USA, ACOFS, G-2, FECOM, is of the opinion that these matters are of sufficient importance to warrant sending representatives from G-2 and CIA [REDACTED] to advise regarding them. The problems to be discussed include both policy and mechanical aspects of the project, the latter relating chiefly to graphics.

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1. The Department of the Army is sending Lt. Col. Arthur Kiel, Army member of the NIS Committee, to FECOM for seven days temporary duty to advise on Army NIS responsibilities and requirements. He will leave on or about 25 April and return on or about 7 May 1952.

2. The Departments of Navy and Air Force are also contributing to the NIS being produced by FECOM, and the Department of State is engaged in the production of certain NIS elements [REDACTED]. CIA is responsible for the coordination of NIS production by the IAC agencies, and for advisory direction in such matters as NIS format, cartographic technique, and other mechanical aspects of the program. Since the distance involved will preclude normal working-level conferences on this material while it is being processed in CIA, it is believed desirable to have CIA representatives participate in the coming conferences at FECOM to advise on CIA requirements. Proper guidance at this time should facilitate editorial and publication processing of this material in CIA to an extent warranting the expenditure involved.

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25X6A B. It was determined at a recent inter-agency meeting that the Directorate of Intelligence, USAF, and G-2 in Washington have not received from FROCOM [REDACTED] aerial photography taken in the years immediately preceding and during World War II. Repeated requests for this photography have been of no avail. If it can be located and transmitted to Washington, the information derived from this photography will be invaluable not only to the Air Force but to CIA, particularly for use in photo-interpretation analyses of industrial plants and related installations. The Reconnaissance Branch, AFOIN, agrees that prompt action in obtaining this photography can be attained through direct investigation by a fully briefed and qualified individual and will provide Air Force briefing for a CIA representative.

III. Recommendation

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B. It is also recommended that [REDACTED] undertake, in addition, the search for and examination of [REDACTED] aerial photography required by intelligence agencies in Washington, with his total stay [REDACTED] extending over a period of not more than three weeks. 25X6A 25X6A

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